

REMARKS

Applicants concurrently file a Petition and Fee for a One-Month Extension of Time to extend the period to respond to the Final Office Action dated January 11, 2005 to May 11, 2005.

Applicants concurrently file herewith a Request for Continued Examination.

Applicants concurrently file herewith an Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter for four (4) excess total claims.

Claims 1-26 and 28-44 are all of the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 41-44 have been added to provide more varied protection for the claimed invention.

In the Final Office Action dated January 11, 2005, claims 1-6, 9-12, 18-22, 24-25, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Talwar et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,380,044) (hereinafter "Talwar"); claims 7-8 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Talwar; claims 13-17 and 26-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Talwar et al. in view of Yu (U.S. Patent No. 6,235,599); claims 30 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Talwar et al. in view of Sugawara et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2001/0003364) (hereinafter "Sugawara"); claim 33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Talwar in view of Huang et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0159834) (hereinafter "Huang"); and claim 38 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Talwar in view of Feudal et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0126998) (hereinafter "Feudal").

Reconsideration in view of these newly added claims is respectfully requested. For the Examiner's convenience, the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on March 11, 2005 is incorporated herein by reference.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-26 and 28-44, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed

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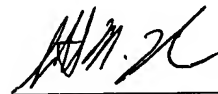
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below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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